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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

Sir:

Enclosed is the Declaration under 35 U.S.C. 371, being submitted in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed January 8, 2007 (hereinafter "Notice"). A copy of the Notice is also enclosed.

Please charge Merck & Co., Inc. Deposit Account No. 13-2755 in the amount of \$130.00, the fee for furnishing the declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date.

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/16/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/16/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/16/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/16/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 05/16/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION,**

**WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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